

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the claims in view of these amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-21 are pending.

The cross-reference data has been updated. Applicants point-out that Serial No. 10/433,444 now recites its national stage date and its filing date.

Claim 15 was amended to recite "the polymerization method comprising contacting isoolefin monomers." Support for this amendment may be found, for example, at paragraph [0021], page 8 of the Specification.

Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments described above neither add new matter nor narrow any claim element.

35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 15 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 for the reasons stated on pages 2-3 of the Action. Applicants amended claim 15 to recite "the polymerization method comprising contacting isoolefin monomers." Applicants submit that claim 15 is now internally consistent and recites all essential steps. Applicants request that the rejection be withdrawn.

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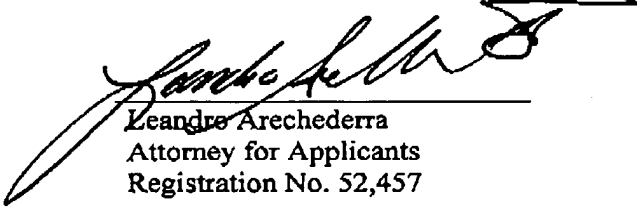
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Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter. Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. In the alternative, Applicants invite the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney, if there are any issues outstanding which have not been presented to the Examiner's satisfaction.

Respectfully submitted,

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